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Illustrated Catalogue of

BURLINGTON

VENETIAN BLINDS

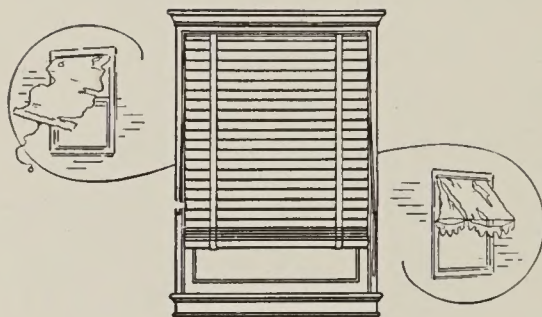
The Ideal Window Equipment

for HOMES · SCHOOLS
COLLEGES · CHURCHES
HOSPITALS · CLUBS
OFFICES & FACTORIES

Manufactured by

BURLINGTON VENETIAN BLIND CO.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT



Foreword

MORE than 300 years ago, the principle of the Burlington Venetian Blind of today was devised. This principle, which is that of tilting slats, is believed to have originated in the West Indies and later introduced into England about the 17th Century.

JUST why these blinds are called "Venetian" is unknown. A fanciful explanation might be that some Venetian trader, venturing out into the broad Atlantic, finally landed or was shipwrecked on an island in the West Indies; and, fashioning a blind of tilting slats to protect him in his hut from the intense heat and driving rains of the tropics, this blind came to be given the name Venetian from the old world city from which his caravel had sailed. Whatever the origin of the name, certain it is, that exhaustive research has failed to connect directly these blinds with any use by Venetians before the 17th Century. The origin of the name still remains a mystery.

THE present Venetian Blinds, with, of course, many improvements, are alike in principle with those of the days of 1600. This principle, therefore, must be sound to have endured, without any radical changes, for more than 300 years; and the functions of the present day Burlington Venetian Blinds are identical with those of the early days in the West Indies, although they have been perfected to meet the demands of the present age.

BURLINGTON Venetian Blinds have been manufactured and sold since 1882 and have been a notable factor in efficiency, comfort, convenience and appearance wherever installed. They are adapted for homes, churches, offices, schools, colleges, clubs, hospitals, public buildings and factories.



PROPER lighting is as important as ventilation and heating. It is well known that improper lighting causes many defects of vision and that intense light is as injurious as that which is faint. It becomes necessary, therefore, to control the light. The same principles which govern the control of light apply to air. Air is desirable and necessary for ventilation but this ventilation must be draftless to be efficient and healthful. Burlington Venetian Blinds perform these functions perfectly as they do those of properly controlling and diffusing light.

THE workmanship of Burlington Venetian Blinds is typical of all quality products. To pass inspection, each order shipped out must conform to the highest of standards. Nothing short of perfection will suffice.

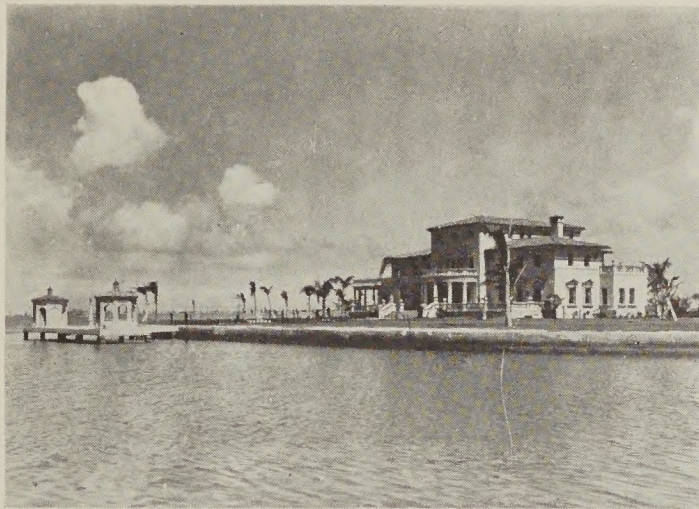
THE company's products are today in general use all over the country and in various foreign lands; and are doing their part in adding to the comfort, convenience and efficiency of mankind.

BURLINGTON VENETIAN BLIND CO.

We invite correspondence from those who desire to avail themselves of our long experience in the proper construction and installation of Burlington Venetian Blinds. An inquiry will entail no obligation.



In Homes of Distinction



The Carl G. Fisher residence, Miami, Fla.

BURLINGTON Venetian Blinds add greatly to the attractiveness of homes where they are used. They afford comfort and convenience in regulating ventilation and controlling light.



The Joseph B. Platt residence, New York City.



Satisfactory Service for Schools



Edmunds High School, Burlington, Vermont.

BURLINGTON Venetian Blinds are ideal for school buildings where perfect light and proper ventilation are necessary. For more than 25 years, these blinds have given satisfactory service to the Burlington School Department. Easy to operate, they control the light and give draftless ventilation.



Dignified Appearance



First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Penna.

IN churches, where a dignified appearance is so necessary, Burlington Venetian Blinds meet the most exacting demands. Their use enhances the quiet beauty of a church edifice and their utility is a feature which should not be overlooked when comfort and convenience are likewise sought.



Utility in Public Buildings



City Hall, Miami Beach, Florida

THE appearance and usefulness of public buildings are greatly enhanced by the installation of Burlington Venetian Blinds. Added comfort and better health conditions are given to those who work within their walls, our blinds solving several of the problems with which modern efficiency has to deal.



Necessary Feature for Hospitals



*The Touro Infirmary,
New Orleans, La.*



IN this, as in other hospitals equipped with our blinds, there is an adequate control of light and the necessary ventilation which can be obtained in no other way. As a health measure and for convenience, Burlington Venetian Blinds are a noticeable improvement in any building where they are used.



In Office Buildings



The New York Central Building

IN the office buildings in the dark canyons of New York streets adequate lighting is possible only through the use of Burlington Venetian Blinds which deflect the light and diffuse it about the room. Besides, these blinds permit perfect ventilation in any amount desired, without draft.



Apartment Hotels



BURLINGTON Venetian Blinds in apartment hotels provide comfort and convenience for the guests.

*Stoneleigh Court,
Dallas, Texas*

Administration Buildings



*Administration Building,
Ford Motor Co.,
Dearborn, Mich.*

BBETTER working conditions result in buildings where Burlington Venetian Blinds are installed. Our blinds are an investment in modern equipment that pays big dividends in comfort and health and, consequently, increased efficiency.

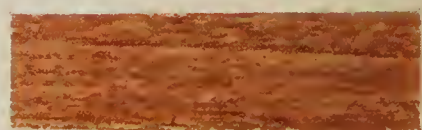
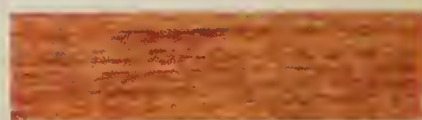
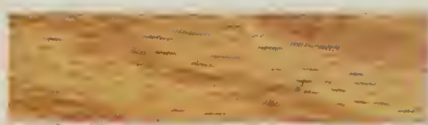
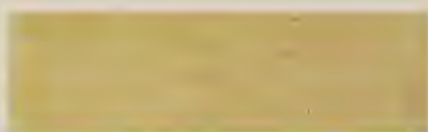




Some of the Tints Greatest Demand BURLINGTON

WHILE those who purchase BURLINGTON VENETIAN BLINDS can have them made to order in any color or combination of colors they desire, the reproductions of the tints and stains shown here represent some of the more wanted shades.

Blinds are finished natural wood varnished, stained and varnished, painted, enameled or lacquered, as specified.

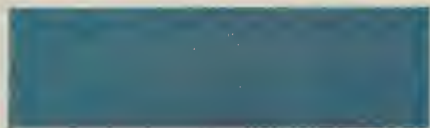
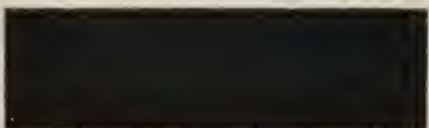
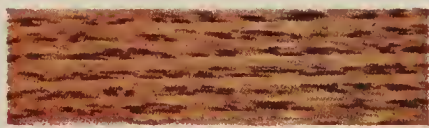
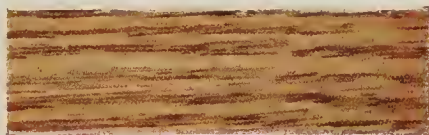
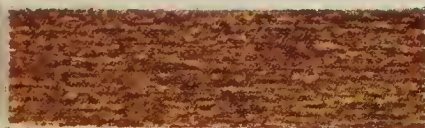


and Stains Now in by Purchasers of VENETIAN BLINDS



BURLINGTON VENETIAN BLINDS can be had in the widest range of colors from calm, dignified pastel shades to the most bizarre effects. They meet the modern demand for color to match any interior and add a touch of charm and refinement to the finest buildings.

In specifying the finish wanted, it is requested that a sample of the color desired be furnished.





The Germantown Trust Company, Philadelphia, equipped throughout with Burlington Venetian Blinds.

Utility and Workmanship Highly Satisfactory

THIS Philadelphia Bank has found that Burlington Venetian Blinds are eminently satisfactory, both as to use and appearance. "They are especially serviceable in controlling light near the windows without detracting from the light required for the center of the room".





The Mayo Furniture Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, fully equipped with Burlington Venetian Blinds



Where Efficient Light Control Is Absolutely Essential

THE intense rays of the sun, so harmful to fine furniture and many other articles on display in the modern department store, are softened through the use of Burlington Venetian Blinds. At the same time, a proper diffusion of light aids in bringing out the beauty of the furniture shown, which is of advantage to the purchaser as well as to the merchant.



Controlled Light—Draftless Ventilation



The Burlington Venetian Blind

THE slats of Burlington Venetian Blinds may be so arranged as to admit light at any part of the window at any time. Whether the light is entirely or partially excluded, air is always freely admitted and perfect ventilation assured.

When the slats in our blinds are tilted at an angle of about forty-five degrees, the direct rays of the sun are excluded, but the full light is deflected from the finished surface of the slats to the top of the room, and thence downward. The center of a large room is often better lighted in this way than with any other arrangement.

Burlington Venetian Blinds Tilt Easily and Noiselessly

*Spring on the
Top Rail*



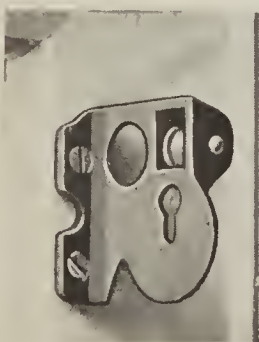
*with the
Round-head Screw*

THE friction spring at the end of the top rail makes possible one of the desirable features of our blinds. It insures the tilting of the slats by a cord at the end of the blind easily and without noise. They remain in position until changed.

The objects of the round-head screw are twofold: It provides, through the simple use of a screwdriver, a rapid and effectual means of permanently adjusting the spring against the hanger. It also affords a bearing for the rail to engage in the hanger.

Hangers for Burlington Venetian Blinds

Below are shown right-hand hangers for our "BURLINGTON" type Venetian Blinds. The hangers for our "ROLLER" type blinds are similarly attached, but are necessarily heavier in order to support the larger type of blinds. With our method of hanging Burlington Venetian Blinds, no cornice strip is necessary at the top of the blind. Thus their removal from the window or their replacement is but the work of an instant, and requires no tools.



*When attached to
Face of Casings*



*When attached to
Stop Beads or Sub-jambs*



*When attached to
Top of Window Frame*



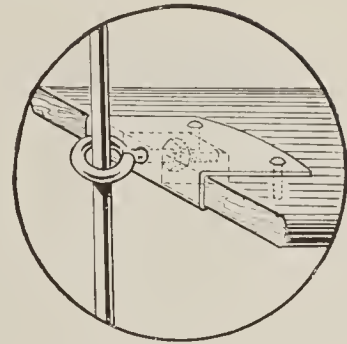
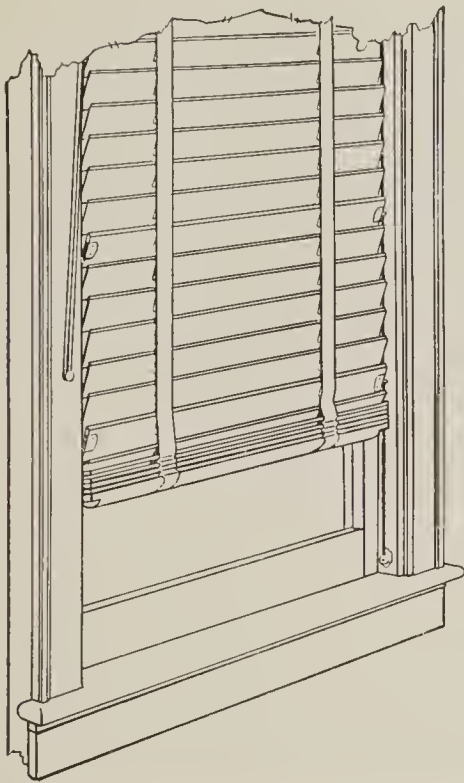
Head Block or Pulley Type of Burlington Venetian Blinds



This type has a head piece through which the lifting cord passes and to which the tilting top rail is attached. The blind may be installed on the face of the trim or under the head of the window as desired.



Burlington Venetian Blinds with Brass Rod Guides



THE illustration above shows the lower part of a Venetian Blind fitted at the sides with brass rod guides. These are placed at the stop beads if wide enough, otherwise on the sub-jambs, the wire rods passing through eyes attached to the ends of the lower rail and the double-thick slats, as shown on the right. This style is preferred by some to the tenoned slats and grooved guideways shown in the illustration of the "Junior Roller" on page 20.

Brass Channel Guides If Desired

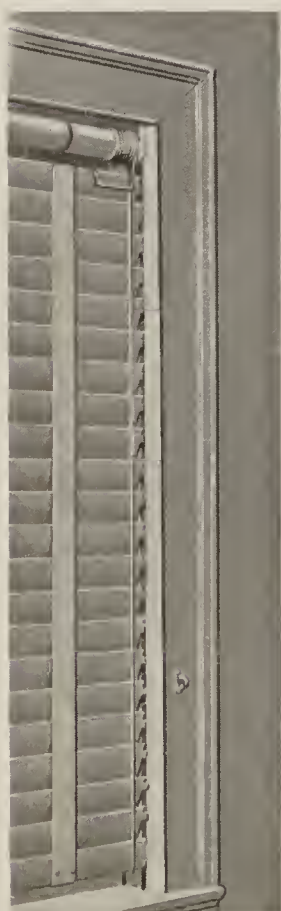
SIDE guides to prevent the wind from blowing the blind can be furnished when desired. These are of two types, the extruded brass channel type shown here, and the brass rod type shown above.



Burlington Roller Devices for the Easy Handling of Large Blinds



*Burlington
Roller Type
Blind*



*Section of "Junior Roller"
Type with Tenoned Slats
and Guides*

IN order to handle large Burlington Venetian Blinds with ease we have the "Roller" devices herewith illustrated.

The blinds have a roller at the top, as shown. The revolutions of the roller cause the aluminum-bronze tape which passes through the slats to be gathered in the roller grooves, thus raising the blind to the elevation desired. The roller's revolutions result from operating the hand tape or cord at the right of the blind. The blind is automatically held at the desired height by a ratchet in the device using the hand tape.

In the other device—the "Junior Roller" Blind—the cord must be turned around the cord hook on the right-hand casing.

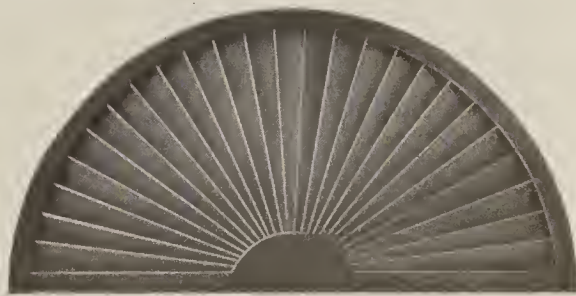
If the "Junior Roller" type is preferred, be sure to specify it, as otherwise we send the device shown at the top of the page.

We manufacture Burlington Venetian Blinds with tenons on the ends of the slats; these tenons engage with grooves in the sash stops at the side of the window. The grooved sash stops are usually furnished by us with the blinds; but if desired, we will simply furnish a pattern or sketch showing their proper size and shape. The tenoned slats and grooved guides are furnished with rollers, which are operated either by hand tape or cord.

Burlington Venetian Blind Slat Arrangements for Semi-circular or Elliptical Tops



*Horizontal Slats
for semi-circular tops*

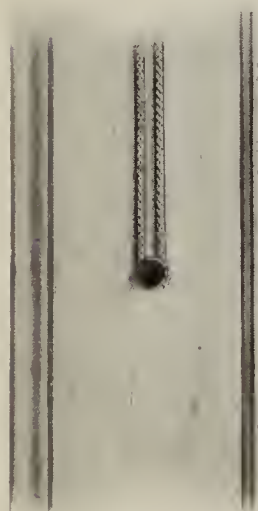


*Radial Slats
for semi-circular tops*

WHERE windows have semi-circular or elliptical tops, we install a blind as high up in the window as the sides are parallel, and provide for the arch above the blind with slats set horizontally in a frame, tapes being arranged in the frame to match those in the blind below it. Or, we arrange the slats in a fan shape, on radial lines. Either arrangement is made to remain permanently in the arch.

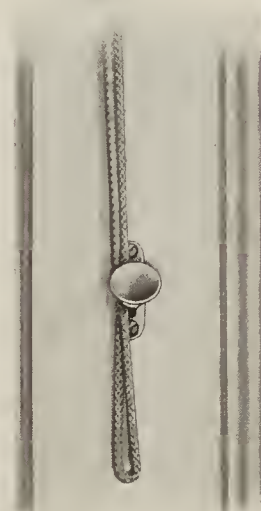
Please be sure to specify which style is desired. If the tops are not true half circles a drawing or template should be sent us showing the exact shape. The extra charge that we make for these devices covers the extra work that is necessary to make them; the amount of this is best determined on receipt of the specifications.

Burlington Perfected Cord Fastener



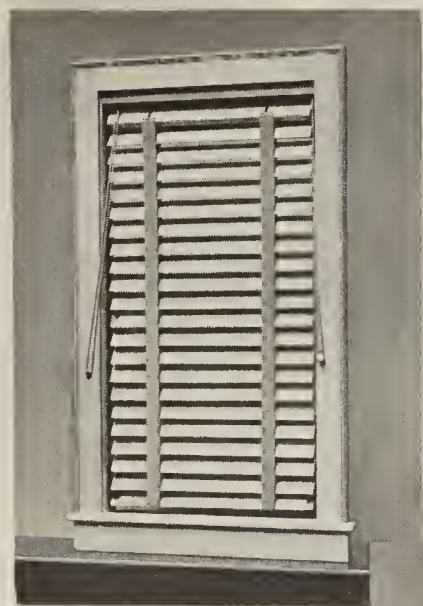
AT the right is shown our perfected cord fastener used with our Venetian Blinds operated by cords. This fastener should always be attached to the proper casing *with the horn pointing upwards*. One turn of the cord around the horn will hold the blind securely at the proper elevation.

The small knob at the left should be attached to the left-hand casing as far down as the tilting cord can be stretched after the blind is in position. These cord knobs are a necessary feature to prevent the cord from hanging loosely and flapping in the window.

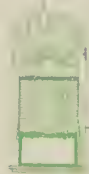


Burlington Venetian Blind Slats May Be Tilted at Any Angle

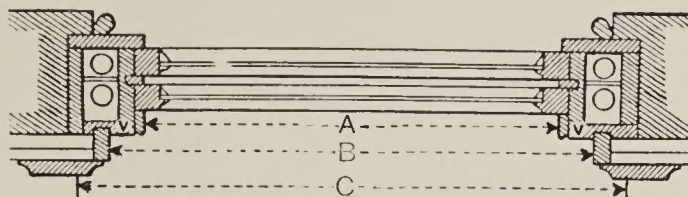
THE accompanying photographs show three of the many angles at which the slats of Burlington Venetian Blinds may be tilted.



*Top—Tilted down
Center—Open
Bottom—Tilted up*



To Measure for Burlington Venetian Blinds



Where possible we recommend that Burlington Venetian Blinds be hung between points A or B. Fixtures can be attached to A, B, C or V when they have a flat surface of one inch or more.

A—If to be hung between points A, state width of opening at A, in the A column.

B—If to be hung between points B, state width of opening at B, in the B column.

C—If to be hung on face casings, as shown by line C, in plan, then give *exact width of blind* wanted in the C column. The blind should lap on the face casing each side not less than one inch. Our hanger for this location requires a flat surface of one inch and should be attached to flat portion of casing.

V—Occasionally, when blinds are desired between points B, it is thought preferable to attach hangers at points V, rather than at B as is usual. If you wish them attached at V, please so state on order and advise width of V surfaces where hangers will be attached, but be sure to state width of opening at B.

WINDOW TRIM—State whether blind fixtures are to fasten to wood, concrete, hollow tile, solid steel or sheet metal.

We furnish all necessary fixtures without extra charge. **BE EXACT IN MEASUREMENTS.**

NOTE—If window stools are over three feet from floor, state the height, that we may get the cords in blinds extra long.

Construction of Burlington Venetian Blinds

SLATS: The slats are $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick by $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inches wide. Can be furnished in 2 inch width if desired. The material is only the best quality which, in our long experience, has given satisfactory and lasting construction. All wood used is thoroughly cured, being first air dried and then kiln dried in our own kilns.

CORD: Burlington Venetian Blinds are equipped with non-twisting hollow cord, especially treated to prevent wear. We will supply solid cord if desired.

TAPE: The finest quality of special, selected imported tape and domestic fabric is used in our blinds.

FINISH: Burlington Venetian Blinds are finished in natural color of wood, or stain, paint, varnish, enamel or lacquer to suit the requirements of the purchaser.

OPERATION: The operation of Burlington Venetian Blinds has been simplified by the exclusive features described in this catalogue. Installation is simple and the operation of our blinds is accomplished noiselessly and with the utmost ease.



A Few Prominent Users of Burlington Venetian Blinds

New York Central Building, New York.

Magnolia Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

Graybar Building, New York, N. Y.

Union National Bank, Wichita, Kans.

Southern Pacific Co., Houston, Texas

Hotel Dieu, and Nurses Home, El Paso, Texas.

Boulevard Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.

Carl G. Fisher Home, Miami Beach, Fla.

Ford Motor Company Administration Building, Dearborn, Mich.

San Angelo National Bank, San Angelo, Texas.

Mims Building, Abilene, Texas.

High School, Sheridan, Wyo.

Junior High School, Burlington, Vt.

High School, Mobile, Ala.

War Memorial Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

Western Gas Construction Company, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Court House, Ada, Okla.

G. Bedell-Moore Estate, San Antonio, Texas.

Standard Oil Company, Albany, N. Y.

Exchange Realty Co., El Dorado, Ark.

First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mayo Furniture Co., Tulsa, Okla.

Joseph B. Platt, New York.

Marcus L. Ward Home, Newark, N. J.

Kings Daughters Hospital, Greenville, Miss.

Allied Paper Mills, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Livezey Linoleum Floors Co., Philadelphia Pa.

Kalamazoo National Bank, Kalamazoo, Mich.

American Educational Press, Columbus, Ohio.

County Court House, Finley, N. D.

American Insurance Union Building, Columbus, Ohio.

Greenville National Bank, Greenville, Texas.

Brosius Building, Wichita, Kans.

Commercial Savings & Trust Co., Flint, Mich.

Federal Reserve Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fordson Coal Co., Stone, Kentucky.

City Hall, Coral Gables, Fla.

City Hall, Miami Beach, Fla.

Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Republic National Bank, Dallas, Texas.

Petroleum Building, Fort Worth, Tex.

Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Chronicle Building, Spokane, Wash.

Chase Brass Co., Waterbury, Conn.

New York Telephone Co., New York, N. Y.

Marvin Building, Dallas, Texas.

City Hall, Burlington, Vt.

National Life Insurance Co., Montpelier, Vt.

United Business Corporation of America, Seattle, Wash.

Barr Building, Washington, D. C.

John D. Rockefeller, Pocantico Hills, N. Y.

Paul Smith's Building, Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Forty-three Hundred Spruce St. Apartments, Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia Electric Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Goodhart Hall, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kans.

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